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τοῦδε χάριν νηλὴς οὐκ ἐμάρανε χρόνος.
οὔπως, μαῖα φίλη, αἰνῶς δ' ἐχάρημεν ἰδόντες
κουροτρόφον σ' ἀγαθὴν τηλεθόωσαν ἀεί.

FOREWORD.

Our Triennial Class Reunions, which were always occasions of happy fellowship, were as follows :—

	Date.	Present.	Chairman.	Remarks.
1.	28 Dec., 1894	18	Neil	Semi-Jubilee of Graduation.
2.	30 Dec., 1897	15	Reid	
3.	27 Dec., 1900	13	Shewan	
4.	28 Dec., 1903	10	Trail	
5.	24 Sept., 1906	24	Nicoll	University Quatercentenary.
6.	30 Dec., 1909	11	Miller	
7.	3 Jan., 1913	11	Pirie	
8.	5 Jan., 1921	8	Reid	Following War Interval.
9.	27 Mar., 1923	8	Reid	
10.	6 July, 1927	5	Reid	Diamond Jubilee of Matriculation.

In view of the dwindling attendance at the Reunions, the question was considered as to what action should be taken for the future. It was felt that it would not be advisable to continue them unless there was the prospect of an increased attendance. Before a decision was come to it was arranged that all the accessible members of the Class should be communicated with in order to have a full expression of opinion, and the acting Secretary agreed to carry out this correspondence. From the answers received it was found that there was no likelihood of more than four or five attending. In the circumstances those who had met in 1927, with Reid as Chairman, did not think

that it was desirable to continue the Reunions, and resolved accordingly. Much regret was felt that it was necessary to come to this finding, but no other course seemed possible in view of the very small attendance that could be counted upon.

These Reunions have continued for thirty-three years, and many gatherings of cherished memories have been held. It is sixty years since we graduated, and with a goodly number of the Class one of the great pleasures of the past has been the renewing of the old friendships and the recalling of the old memories of student days on the occasions when the Reunions were held.

It is right that, before the final word is written in connection with the story of our Class, acknowledgment should be made of the great indebtedness that is felt by all the members of the Class to Shewan for his Memorial Book, in which a full Record of the Class is given. His Greek lines prefixed to the present volume tell that age has not withered our gratitude to our Alma Mater, and that we rejoice in the prosperity that has been hers during these sixty years.

It was thought desirable that the Record should, as far as possible, be carried on up to the present date. Hence the present Supplement. In this connection valuable service has been rendered by Stewart, who has acted as Secretary during the past few years, and to whom grateful thanks are due.

With regard to the book containing the Minutes of the Reunions, it is suggested that it should be offered to the University Library to be retained along with the Memorial Book, which was placed in the Library when it was published in 1905.

And so comes the end of many years of happy association linked with the old student days at King's.

May the wish and hope be expressed for the few remaining members of the Class, that the sunset of life will be peaceful, that "at evening time it shall be light."

W. R. P.

THEN AND NOW.

It seems appropriate that we should make some reference to the changes that have taken place in the University since we became alumni in 1866. These are so numerous and so important that an adequate description of them would occupy a volume. All we can do here is to give a short summary and some comparative figures, which in themselves are sufficiently impressive, and show the great advance the University has made.

The University Court, the governing body, has increased its membership from 6 to 14, in order to include persons who would be helpful in administrative work.

The Senatus consists of the Principal, all the Professors, two Lecturers, and two Readers.

In the period covered by this summary the Faculties have been increased from 3 (Arts, Divinity and Medicine) to 5, by the addition of Law and Science ; the Professorships from 21 to 32 ; the Members of Senatus from 22 to 36 ; Assistants from 7 to 54 ; additional Examiners from 6 to 41. In the same period there have been instituted 62 Lectureships, 3 Readerships (for German, Geography and Celtic) ; also a Director and Assistant for Physical Training.

The number of matriculated Students for the present session is 1385, namely 871 men, 514 women. The approximate number of Students in the 1866-67 session was 916. The admission of women to the University took place in the year 1896.

The additional 11 Professorships and the year when founded are as follows : Pathology (1882), English Literature (1893), History

(1903), Agriculture (1911), Political Economy (1921), Geology (1922), Engineering (1923), Bacteriology (1925), Forestry (1925), French (1925), Conveyancing (1927).

The Lectureships instituted since 1866-67 are as follows: Accounting and Business Methods. Agriculture, Principles of. Agricultural Botany. Agricultural Zoology. Anæsthetics. Anatomy. Astronomy and Meteorology. Banking. Bio-Chemistry. Botany. British History. Chemistry. Clinical Chemistry. Clinical Medicine. Clinical Surgery. Comparative Psychology. Constitutional Law and History. Diseases of Children. Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat. Diseases of the Skin. Economic History. Education. Electrical Engineering. Embryology. English Language. English Literature. Factory Hygiene. Fine Art-Architecture. Fine Art-Painting. Fine Art-Music. Fisheries. French. International Law. Malignant Disease. Mechanical Engineering. Medical Ethics. Mental Diseases. Mercantile Law. Natural Philosophy. Nutritional Physiology. Ophthalmology. Physics, Chemistry and Geology of Soil. Physiology, Experimental. Procedure and Evidence. Public Health. Public Reading and Speaking. Radiology and Electro-Therapeutics. Roman Law. Spanish. Statistics. Surgical Diseases of Children. Tropical Medicine. Tuberculosis. Vaccination. Veterinary Hygiene. Zoology.

There are two Public Lecture Courses: (1) The Gifford Course on Natural Theology, and (2) The John Farquhar Thomson Course on The Structure and Functions of the Human Body.

NEW BUILDINGS OPENED SINCE 1866-67.

At King's College :—

1912. Modern Languages Building (English, History, French, German).

1924. Botany and Forestry Departments.

1930. Elphinstone Hall.

1930. New Playing Fields, 10½ acres.

At Marischal College :—

1895. Mitchell Hall and Tower, Students' Union and Anatomical Department.

1896. North Wing (for Surgery, Pathology and Chemistry).

1897. North Tower.

1898. South Wing (for Natural Philosophy).

1906. West Front (Library, Court Room, Administrative Offices, Agriculture, Geology, Education, Law, Commerce, etc.).

1926. Engineering Department.

The latest of the splendid additions made to the University is the Elphinstone Hall at King's College, to be used for examinations and for ceremonial purposes.

This Hall measures 160 feet by 40 feet inside, and has a gallery at one end.

The floor is of oak, and the walls are panelled 14 feet high with Austrian figured oak, while the walls above the oak are faced with freestone ashlar. The roof is an open timber roof with massive wood hammer-beam trusses. Along the entrance end of the Hall runs a

cloister, and this is continued along the front of two class-rooms to the south of the Hall.

The whole of the exterior walls are of freestone ashlar.

Note.—The sources of the revenues of the University are :—

(1) Grants from Government.
(2) Grants from the Carnegie Trust.
(3) Private Legacies and Donations.
(4) University General Fund (Fees, Property, etc.).

R. W. R.

HISTORIES OF MEMBERS OF THE CLASS WHO WERE ALIVE IN 1905, SUPPLEMENTARY TO WHAT HAS ALREADY APPEARED IN THE VOLUME COMPILED BY SHEWAN, AND PUBLISHED IN THAT YEAR

The surviving members of the Class are :—

Alcock, Benjamin.
Barron, George.
Bearsley, Charles F.
Cooper, William.
Davidson, Robert.
Fleming, John Murdoch.
Forbes, John C. M. Ogilvie-.
Glegg, Alexander.
Grant, Alexander.
Grant, William James.
Harper, William.
Mickle, Adam F. J.
Mitchell, Robert.
Murdoch, Patrick John.
Peppé, William Claxton.
Pirie, William Robinson.
Reid, Robert William.
Robertson, Alex. Cameron.
Shewan, Alexander.
Simpson, David Carnegie.
Stewart, James.
Strong, William Baillie.
Wedderburn, Joseph R. Maclagan.
Welford, George Edward.

The above names appear in their respective places in the pages to follow.

ALCOCK, BENJAMIN.

Retired from teaching in 1911, but continued to act as Registrar of Cruden and Actuary of the Savings Bank until he was obliged to resign these appointments early in 1929 owing to a very severe illness. Was Session Clerk at Cruden for 32 years, giving up that office eventually because of preaching duty. During the War preached frequently to relieve ministers in various places. Is now resident in London with his eldest son, who is in medical practice there.

Address—Crescent House, Stock Orchard Crescent, Holloway, London, N. 7.

ANDERSON, JAMES WILLIAM.

Died at Bridge of Weir, 9th November, 1918.

ANGUS, JAMES.

Retired in September, 1909, and lived in Edinburgh, where he died, 19th February, 1912. Is buried in the cemetery on the Castle Rock in Stirling.

BARNET, JAMES.

On promotion in the Board of Trade was transferred to Leith in 1914, was there till he reached the age limit, and retired in 1916,

removing to Ugiebrae, Old Deer. For War service he took up the superintendence of the steamers of the North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Company until 1919. His only son, James Knox Barnet, joined the Royal Scots on the outbreak of war, and was in the thick of the fighting at Gallipoli until the evacuation, when he was transferred to Egypt, where he obtained his commission as Lieutenant, and died while on active service on 9th November, 1918, two days before the Armistice. Barnet, who was our Class Secretary for some years, died at Ugiebrae, 7th August, 1928.

BARRON, GEORGE.

Retired in 1910, and came to Aberdeen.
Address—Maybank, West Cults, Aberdeen.

BARRON, THOMAS WALTER.

Not traced.

BEARSLEY, CHARLES FREDERICK.

Retired 1917. Did a year's service as emergency teacher at Tobermory. Next served as outdoor speaker for the Anti-Socialist Union for two seasons. Resided at Northampton till 1925, then removed to Liverpool.
Address—45 Irene Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

BENTON, JOHN.

Received the honour of knighthood, and retired in 1912, as Sir John Benton, K.C.I.E. Died August, 1927.

BROOME, FRANK.

Died 5th August, 1924.

BROTCHIE, JOHN ALEXANDER RAINY.

Died at Carcoar, New South Wales, 2nd September, 1908. He was much esteemed and loved there and wherever he performed clerical duties.

BROWN, ALEXANDER WILSON.

Died at Auburn, New York, 22nd February, 1923.

CAMERON, RICHARD.

Celebrated his Semi-Jubilee in 1903, and was sent by his Jedburgh congregation on a tour to the Holy Land. He died in a nursing home in Edinburgh in December, 1918, and was buried in Aberdeen beside his brother, Professor Cameron. Was much beloved and respected by his Jedburgh people, who erected a tablet to his memory in their church.

CAMERON, ROBERT FALCONER.

Died 17th June, 1929.

CAMPBELL, WILLIAM.

Retired in 1908, and took up residence in Aberdeen, where he died, 17th August, 1926.

CANTLIE, JAMES.

Received the honour of knighthood in 1918. Honorary degree of LL.D. from Aberdeen University, 11th August, 1919, as an active pioneer worker in the science of Tropical Medicine and Surgery, Public Health, and the organisation of the Ambulance services of our

country. Organised Exercise Classes in London for men and women over 40 years of age, which were carried on with success in conjunction with his Class-fellow, Cruden. Died in London, 28th May, 1926.

CENTER, GEORGE.

Died in Aberdeen, 9th March, 1929.

CHRISTIE, WILLIAM.

Retired in 1898, and lived at Dyce, where he died, 4th February, 1928. Mr. Christie was regular in his attendance at the Class Reunions.

CLARK, DAVID ROBERT.

Died at Glasgow, 14th June, 1926.

COCK, WILLIAM.

Died at Melbourne, 2nd November, 1926.

COOPER, WILLIAM.

Was for 30 years Head Assistant Master in a Hertfordshire school, until the school was closed ; and for over 20 years has been in Chesterfield, where his principal work has been coaching boys and girls of the Grammar School and the High School for the Universities, etc. In this work and in the positions he has held he has proved himself a very efficient and successful teacher.

Address—51 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

COWAN, WALTER.

Died at Glasgow, 24th May, 1913.

CRUDEN, GEORGE.

Retired from business in 1914, and went to live in London. On the outbreak of the War he endeavoured to secure an army appointment. Failing in this owing to age, he enlisted as a private and was soon promoted to the rank of sergeant. Was for some time on the Western front, and was demobilised in September, 1919, with the rank of Captain. On his return to London he conducted with considerable success the Exercise Classes for men and women which had been organised by Cantlie. Cruden died in London, 29th March, 1928, and was buried in Aberdeen, in which city he had been for a long time a prominent figure in public life. The funeral to Springbank Cemetery was attended by a large and representative company.

DAVIDSON, ROBERT.

It is of interest to note that on 1st October, 1928, Davidson attained his Jubilee as an ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, and at a social meeting of the congregation, parishioners and friends, was presented with handsome gifts in celebration of the occasion. Was for many years Chairman of the old School Board, and took a keen interest in this important work. He is, and has for long been, Chairman of the Parish Council ; and anything tending to improve and benefit the parish has always found in him a strong supporter.

Address—The Manse, St. Cyrus, Montrose.

DAVIDSON, WILLIAM CLEMENT.

Died in Aberdeen, 29th January, 1919.

DUGUID, JOHN.

Died at his residence in Aberdeen on 9th April, 1916, deeply mourned by his Class-fellows, who all recognised how much they were

indebted to him for his work as Secretary in connection with the Class Reunions and the printing and publication of the Record. To realise this to the full one has only to look through the Minute Book, the first 63 pages of which, all in his handwriting, record the proceedings at the Reunions from the first in 1894 to the seventh in 1913, as well as the whole story of the publication of the Record in 1905, and its distribution amongst the members of the Class and home and foreign universities. It was on the occasion of the fifth Reunion in 1906 that Duguid was presented with an Armchair, in recognition of his faithful and efficient work as Secretary.

EDWARDS, JAMES.

Died in 1905.

FINDLAY, GEORGE.

Died some years ago.

FLEMING, JOHN MURDOCH.

Gave up the management of the Estates of the Demerara Company late in 1920, and has lived in England since that time.

Address—The Hermitage, Hadlow, Kent.

FORBES, JOHN C. M. OGILVIE-.

Succeeded to the estate of Boyndlie in 1886. Privy Chamberlain to Popes Leo XIII. and Pius XI. For health reasons he is resident mostly in the Isle of Wight.

Address—Cleveland, Niton Undercliff, Isle of Wight.

FORREST, JOSEPH.

Retired in May, 1906. Died at Fraserburgh, 25th March, 1914.

GARDEN, ALEXANDER.

Died in Edinburgh, 8th April, 1913.

GARDEN, WILLIAM.

Died 2nd July, 1923.

GLEGG, ALEXANDER.

1905-6, Mayor of the Borough of Wandsworth. 1906, made a J.P. for the County of London. 1907, became a Director of the firm of John I. Thornycroft & Co., Shipbuilders and Engineers. Also a Director of the Linoleum Co., London and Staines, and Chairman in 1918. In 1906 became Chairman of Masson Scott & Co., Paper-making Engineers. 1909, Vice-Chairman of the Battersea Polytechnic, London, for training Engineers, also women as teachers in Domestic Science, having 3000 to 4000 students. In 1915 was appointed on the Metropolitan Munitions Committee formed by Mr. Lloyd George. 1916, was appointed a member of the Arbitration Wages Tribunal, as a representative of the Federation of Engineering Employers.

Address—Florys, Princes Road, Wimbledon Park, London, S.W. 19.

GRANT, ALEXANDER.

Was Minister of Stoer until 1917, when he retired.

Address—Stoer Park, Airdrie, Lanarkshire.

GRANT, GEORGE CLARK.

Was Inspector of Schools for the Prieska district of Cape Colony from 1904 to 1914, when he retired. In 1915 he returned to Aberdeen, and died there, 1st July, 1919.

GRANT, WILLIAM JAMES.

Still at Kilmarnock.
Address—22 Woodstock Street, Kilmarnock.

GRAY, JAMES.

Was Minister at Fochabers until he died in 1918. He was very highly esteemed and respected in the district.

GREEN, ALEXANDER.

Was Headmaster of Skene Square School from 1892 to 1912. Died in Aberdeen, 12th March, 1915. He attended the Class Reunions regularly.

GREIG, CHARLES CORMACK.

Had charge of three Red Cross Hospitals, Fyvie, October, 1914, to April, 1919. Mentioned in Dispatches, 1919. Died 24th November, 1927.

GREIG, WILLIAM.

Died at Rayne, 16th February, 1908.

HARPER, WILLIAM.

Since retiring in 1893 has led an active and varied life. From 1894 to 1898 in Geneva and Leipzig with his family, tutoring his son. From 1898 to 1905 in Edinburgh doing pulpit supply, etc. In 1907 returned to India as voluntary worker. In 1910 returned to this country owing to the failing health of his wife, who died on the way

home. For the next 10 years was by turns in Canada, in U.S.A., and in New Zealand with members of his family. Then married again. Has been engaged mostly in study and writing. Books published: *Miracles of Scriptural Foreknowledge, Root and Branch Articles* on Prophecy, and *Prophetic Light on World Destiny.*

Address—Agra, Shepherd's Hill, Merstham, Surrey.

JAMIESON, ANDREW.

Died at Glasgow in 1912.

KNOX, GEORGE.

Died at Auchnagatt, 5th October, 1910.

LAING, JAMES.

Died at Manchester, 3rd December, 1927.

LAING, JOHN GERARD.

Practised on the South-Eastern Circuit. Died 7th April, 1908.

LAW, JAMES.

Died in London, 2nd March, 1923.

LOBBAN, ALEXANDER.

Retired from the service of the Education Department, 31st August, 1919. Died 2nd June, 1925.

LOWSON, DAVID.

Died 15th March, 1907, from blood poisoning due to his performing an operation on a poor patient. A stained-glass window to his memory was erected in Holy Trinity Church, Hull, by the Medical Profession of the district, and his portrait was hung in the Surgical Department of Aberdeen University, with the inscription "Dr. David Lowson of Hull, the pioneer of lung surgery." An intimate Class-fellow of his early days testifies that the courage which became conspicuous in his later years, was apparent even in the youth at the Grammar School, an incident of that time having so impressed that friend that it remains with him to this day; and he considers that there is ample ground for the words on the memorial stone in Banchory Churchyard, "He lived a noble life of service to his fellow-men." It is 23 years since he died, but he is still well remembered in Hull, where frequent testimony is borne to his character and ability.

MACDONALD, DUFF.

Degree of D.D. conferred on him by Aberdeen University, 28th March, 1923. Died at Motherwell, 20th January, 1929.

MACPHERSON, GEORGE.

Died in Edinburgh, 12th February, 1912.

MATHESON, JOHN.

Resigned the charge of St. Paul's, Strathnairn, in 1917, the resignation taking effect in 1918. Died on 23rd January, 1921, at Culloden Moor, where he had lived since he retired in 1918.

MICKLE, ADAM FREDERICK JOHN.

Is still at Christchurch.

Address—15 Nelson Street, New Brighton, Christchurch, New Zealand.

MILLER, DANIEL GEORGE.

Retired in June, 1916, removed to Thistleton, Stonehaven, and died there 19th May, 1920. To a happy inspiration on the part of Miller and Lobban was due the holding of the first Reunion of our Class on 28th December, 1894. He attended the meetings frequently, and at the sixth Reunion occupied the chair.

MITCHELL, ROBERT.

Retired from the Rosedale Charge about ten years ago, but lives near, and still conducts services there. Quite recently the congregation made him a presentation.

Address—The Wattles, near Rosedale, Victoria, Australia.

MORICE, DAVID.

Not traced.

MURDOCH, PATRICK JOHN.

In response to a request for a letter, Murdoch, on 25th February, 1929, writes as follows: "The Camberwell congregation three years ago erected the spire of the Church, and associated its erection with my forty years' ministry among them. When I reached the fiftieth anniversary of my ordination there were a few bouquets thrown, which were gratifying. After having worked with a colleague for six years,

I resigned the ministry of the charge at the end of 1928, but I live close by, and still preach sometimes. The Assembly asked me to do a piece of work for them this year, namely to act along with the Theological Professors in putting into operation a new scheme of Practical Training of Theological students. The appointment is for one year."

Address—22 Ryeburn Avenue, Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia.

MURRAY, ROBERT DAVIDSON.

After thirty-six years' distinguished service in India, he retired in 1910, and lived in London at 5 Nevern Square, Earl's Court, S.W. He died there on 12th January, 1920, and is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters.

NAPIER, THOMAS W. A.

Died at Birkenhead November, 1917.

NICOLL, WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

Was created a knight, 1909. Companion of Honour, 1921. LL.D. conferred by St. Andrews, 1922. Died at Bay Tree Lodge, Hampstead, 4th May, 1923. *His Life and Letters*, by T. H. Darlow, published in 1925. He presided at the fifth Reunion of our Class, 24th September, 1906, and there recited the ode "'Tis forty years since," which he had specially composed for the occasion.

NIVEN, JAMES.

LL.D. conferred by Aberdeen University, 31st March, 1910. Died at Manchester, September, 1925.

PEPPÉ, WILLIAM CLAXTON.

Address—Brynfa, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire.

PIRIE, WILLIAM ROBINSON.

In April, 1911, the University of Aberdeen conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Was Chairman of the School Board of Nairn for twenty years, and then held office as Chairman of the Education Authority of Nairnshire for five years, until his resignation. Has been a member of the Parish Council for nearly thirty years, and its Chairman for over twenty years. Was unanimously selected as first Moderator of the reunited Synod of Moray.

Address—The Manse, Nairn.

PRIMROSE, CHARLES.

Was for some years laid aside by a breakdown in health, but nominally he was Vicar of Ulley till he died on 17th March, 1919.

REID, ROBERT WILLIAM.

Was Dean of the Medical Faculty, 1896-1906. Member of the University Court, 1905-17. Curator of the Aberdeen University Anthropological Museum, which he established, 1907-25. Honorary President of the Aberdeen University Anatomical and Anthropological Society from its foundation in 1899-25. President of the Anatomical Society of Great Britain and Ireland, 1910-12. Member of Council of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, 1923-26. President of the Section of Physiology at the meeting of the British Medical Association in Aberdeen, 1914. Examiner in Anatomy in the Universities of London and St. Andrews, and for the

Membership and the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Examiner in Anatomy and Physiology of candidates for admission to the Indian Medical Service. Author of numerous contributions upon Anatomical and Anthropological subjects in the *Encyclopædia Britannica* and Scientific Journals. During his tenure of the Chair the Anatomy Department was enlarged and reorganised, and Lectureships in Anatomy and Embryology instituted. The present dissecting room, laboratories, research rooms, etc., were devised and constructed under his direction. Retired from the Chair of Anatomy, 1925. Appointed Honorary Curator of the Aberdeen University Anthropological Museum, 1925. Received the degree of LL.D., Aberdeen University, 1926.

Address—37 Albyn Place, Aberdeen.

ROBERTSON, ALEXANDER CAMERON.

Is still Minister of the Parish of Lochgilphead, and celebrated his Jubilee there in 1926. Was appointed Clerk to the Presbytery of Inverary in 1914, and Clerk to the Synod of Argyll in 1919. Had the degree of D.D. conferred on him by his Alma Mater 28th March, 1923.

Address—The Manse, Lochgilphead, Argyllshire.

ROBERTSON, GEORGE JAMES.

Retired in 1920. Came to Oldmeldrum, and died in a nursing home in Aberdeen, 4th August, 1920. He left a bequest, to be known as "The George James Robertson Trust Fund," to be devoted to the advancement of the science and practice of surgery in the University of Aberdeen. This was estimated in 1920 at approximately £12,000, but is not available until the exhaustion of a number of annuities.

ROSE, DONALDSON.

Died in 1912.

RUST, ALEXANDER.

Was Senior Minister of Inverbrothock Church for forty-nine years. On the occasion of the induction of an Assistant and Successor in 1924, the congregation made a presentation to him in token of their great regard for him as a faithful minister and pastor. He died on 5th August, 1925.

SCOTT, JAMES.

Qualified as First Class Interpreter in the British Consular Service, China, in 1880. Detached for special service in Corea, 1883. Published a Corean Grammar, 1890, and an English-Corean Dictionary in 1891, these being the first English books on the Corean language. Vice-Consul, Shanghai, and British Assessor at Mixed Court, 1892. Consul, Chinkiang, 1898. Transferred to Swatow, 1899. Consul-General, Canton, 1901. Appointed Companion of the Imperial Service Order, 1905. Retired, 1906. Died at West Acton, London, 10th May, 1920.

SHEWAN, ALEXANDER.

Has published *The Lay of Dolon*, 1911; *Homeric Games at an Ancient St. Andrews*, 1911; *Spirat Adhuc Amor* (the Record of the "Gym," Chanonry House School, Old Aberdeen), 1923; *Lusus Homerici*, 1926; and numerous papers on Homer and cognate matters. Delivered the Andrew Lang Lecture, University of St. Andrews, 1928. LL.D. (St. Andrews), 1912. J.P. and Commis-

sioner of Income Tax for Fife. On St. Andrews Town Council, 1918-22. Volunteered for War Work; instructed to await orders, but not called on. Served on War Committees in St. Andrews and on the Local Tribunal. His second son, Captain Alan Davidson Shewan, was killed at Martinpuich, 15th September, 1916, "most gallantly leading his Company." *Non ille pro caris amicis Aut patria timidus perire.*

Address—Seagate, St. Andrews, Fife.

SHIRRES, LOGAN.

Died in London, 28th August, 1920.

SIMPSON, DAVID CARNEGIE.

Along with his professional work, was in 1908 appointed Examiner for new entrants (about 100 a week) to the Railway and Tramway Services of New South Wales, until a new Board with no other duties was substituted. In 1910 was asked to take a seat on the new Railway and Tramway Superannuation Board by the State Government, which he filled until his retirement in 1921. In response to a request for a letter, Simpson on 4th April, 1929, writes that he retired in 1921, that he is in good general health and can still enjoy a round on the golf links. His residence, situated on the eastern side of Sydney Harbour, commands a very fine view of land and water, a view which is being improved by the erection two miles off, of the great bridge now under construction, the largest of its kind in the world, costing some £4,000,000, and taking seven years to build. He expresses regret at the death of George Cruden, and refers to the occasion in 1873 when in a boat race on the Dee the Aberdeen University crew, consisting of Cruden, Simpson, Ross, and Adamson, beat the Edinburgh crew. He wishes to convey to Shewan an expression

of gratitude and appreciation for the Class Record, which is so interesting and valuable that he can scarcely imagine himself without it.

Address—128 New South Head Road, Vancluse, Sydney, N.S.W.

SMITH, GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Was doctor in the Union Steamship Co.'s liners to South Africa for two years 1877-79. He then settled in Cape Colony in practice at Victoria West, Reibeck East, Sandflats, and at Alicedale, with charge on the railway. Was killed in a railway disaster 10th May, 1914. His son, Herbert A. Smith, graduated at Aberdeen, and is now Medical Officer at Benoni, Transvaal.

STEPHEN, HENRY.

Was Professor of English Literature in Calcutta University. D.D., Aberdeen, 1914; D.Phil., Calcutta, 1922. Died at Calcutta, 1st September, 1927.

STEVENSON, GEORGE.

Died 7th July, 1926.

STEWART, JAMES.

Retired 1920. During a thirty years' residence in Newcastle was a frequent traveller, in order to attend to the requirements of the steamships under his charge. The places visited included all the principal ports in the United Kingdom, and many ports on the Continent, also New York and Philadelphia, U.S.A. For seventeen years, until retirement, his principal clients were leading Australian Companies of Shipowners, Harbour Authorities, and Colliery Owners,

for whom he supervised the building of passenger and cargo Steamers, Harbour craft, etc., on the Clyde, Forth, Tyne, Tees, and Wear, also electric, ventilating and other machinery. During the War was responsible for the maintenance in efficient condition of certain Transports on Government service, including two of H.M. Hospital Ships, and for that purpose was frequently in Southampton and Bristol Channel ports, also London and Liverpool.

Address—Park Cottage, Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire.

STRONG, WILLIAM BAILLIE.

Attained his Jubilee as minister of the Parish of Glencorse, and at a meeting of the congregation held on 31st January, 1928, to celebrate the occasion, was presented with a piece of silver plate and a purse of £300. The Royal Scots Regiment, to whom he had acted as Chaplain throughout his ministry, also gave him a silver salver inscribed as being a present from all ranks of the Regiment. On his retirement had the somewhat rare honour of receiving a letter from the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Scotland, Sir William E. Peyton, K.C.B., D.S.O., assuring him of the deep appreciation of the army authorities of his faithful and devoted service in the interests of the spiritual and moral welfare of officers and men, and wishing him continued health to enjoy his well-earned rest.

Address—35 Nile Grove, Edinburgh.

STUART, FRANCIS WILSON.

Was minister at Gartly for forty-five years, until his death, 25th December, 1922. The Kirk Session placed on record their deep sense of the loss sustained by the congregation and by the community in his death. He was a faithful and earnest preacher and diligent

pastor, a warm hearted and loyal friend, who was always ready to counsel and help, and so won the confidence and affection of his own people and many others.

TRAIL, JAMES WILLIAM HELENUS.

Was elected Fellow of the Linnean Society, 1875, and Fellow of the Royal Society, 1893. Curator of the Aberdeen University Library for twenty-eight years, took the closest interest in it, was the means of introducing many reforms, and made liberal gifts to it, bequeathing "to the University all the collections and the books not already in the library of which I die possessed." Professor of Botany for forty-two years. Member of the University Court for six years. President of the Botanical Section at the British Association Meeting in 1910. Established a Fund for the benefit of students of proved ability in Natural History studies. This endowment, the Helen Scott Fund, he dedicated to the memory of his mother. All his life he was an ardent student of Nature, teaching himself by observation, and seeking to educate his students in the same manner. He was an ideal leader in field excursions. He took part in founding a working man's Natural History Society, and led their excursions. His many University and Civic duties left little time for publication work, and the world thereby loses a vast amount of useful knowledge which he possessed. Published about 320 papers in Scientific Journals and other periodicals, dealing particularly with Botanical subjects. These are all described in *James William Helenus Trail—A Memorial Volume*, Aberdeen University Press, 1923. Died 18th September, 1919.

TYTLER, PETER.

Died at Withington, Manchester, 9th April, 1921.

WATSON, JOHNSTON.

Died 2nd November, 1924.

WEDDERBURN, JOSEPH ROBERT MACLAGAN.

Is now senior partner of the firm of Shepherd & Wedderburn, W.S.

Address—3 Glencairn Crescent, Edinburgh.

WELFORD, GEORGE EDWARD.

Retired in 1924, and removed to Surrey, but is Consulting Physician to Sunderland Royal Infirmary.

Address—Alvestone, Pyrford, Surrey.

WHYTE, JAMES ROBERTSON.

Attended our Class Reunions with unfailing regularity, and acted as Class Secretary for some years. Died 9th September, 1918.

WILSON, JOHN SKINNER.

Retired in 1919. Received the Hon. degree of D.D. from Edinburgh University in 1919. After his retirement he was made Hon. Canon of Perth Cathedral, and continued to work on certain committees and do occasional Sunday duty. Died in 1926.

NICOLL'S ODE.

The following Ode, "'Tis Forty Years Since," which was specially composed by Nicoll for the occasion, was recited by him at the Fifth Reunion of our Class on 24th September, 1906.

It will be noted that this Reunion was held forty years after we became Students of the University, and that it took place while the Quatercentenary Celebrations of the University were in progress.

'TIS FORTY YEARS SINCE.

Brothers, forgive this rhyme. I have no power
To charm your ears; and yet in such an hour
The challenged pulses once again must leap,
And this old heart arouse itself from sleep;
And I would fain make audible to each
The soul-throb thrilling through the rugged speech.

I.

Sirs, sires and grandsires, forty years have flown
Since first we proudly donned the scarlet gown,
Spring, summer, autumn o'er our heads have passed,
Winter's first chill is in the air at last;
Life, with its gold and grey, passion and pain,
Draws to the evening as we meet again.
We've drudged and sweated, failed and triumphed, known
The gladdest laughter and the saddest moan.

If much has perished, much is left us ; so
We lift our souls to-night with hopes aglow.
The dewy grace of morning far withdrawn
We yet revive the colours of the dawn ;
The spring-blood beats in all our loyal band,
Who greet the future clasping hand in hand ;
Our hearts are opened and our board is spread
For comrades living, and for comrades dead.

II.

Honour the dead who from their labours rest,
For each is with us as a spirit-guest.
Know that our brothers took the better way,
Released in honour from the heats of day.
One sigh for Andrew Craik, the first who died,
The wisest and the best, our joy and pride ;
His laurels lustrous in their morning green,
The gracious promise of what might have been.
And Neil, our Grecian, in his glorious prime
Suddenly took farewell of earth and time—
Suddenly, in his own high-hearted way,
He who so dearly loved our common day.
Alas ! my brothers, pleasant unto me,
Lovely and winsome in all eyes were ye.
And the dull road grew duller when you went ;
But the years bring us to a wise content.
Mist-girt, you still step with us on our track,
And every nobler purpose brings you back.
Full well we know your presence, and the breath
That stirs our hearts and says there is no death.

III.

Professors twain we boast—the lettered crown
On their wise brows was long ago pressed down,
But never cramped their generous minds. All hail
Our professorial comrades, Reid and Trail!
The burning, shining East our Shewan knew;
Scholar and patriot, loyal, tender, true.
But still his faithful heart that ne'er forgot
With strenuous bent turned to the old dear spot;
With his Cornelian ink and labour vast
He traced each corner of the moonlit past;
He told our history—Lo! in Shewan's page
Our record writ for each succeeding age.
Stephen, philosopher and poet sweet,
Has subtle seekers wistful at his feet
In the strange land that holds him—messages
Of love we send him over sundering seas.
What matter if we failed of far-seen goals?
We did our part and kept alive our souls,
Wrought and endured, in hope, the long day through;
Now twilight brings the cool, the peace, the dew.
Shine on us in our wanderings near and far,
Star of the fold, benignant Evening Star!

IV.

And thou, our Mother, twice two centuries young,
Bend with bright shafts of truth thy bow fresh-strung.
To thee the mightiest and the best repair
To speak thine honour and to breathe thine air;
The Sea-Kings' daughter of the foam-white brow,
The King to whom his faithful Britains bow,

Greatest of the great line—whose genial will
Works on unwearied, hate and war to kill.
Disdain not thy grey children—narrow ways
Though they have walked in—when they bring thee praise.
Tang of the heather! swing of northern seas!
Is aught can thrill and spur the blood like these?
Spread wider yet, dear Mother, that keen flame
Which passing centuries can nor chill nor tame.
Lamp of the North! goal of her eager youth,
Those dauntless seekers of the hard-won truth;
Still on thy towers, that proud and white ascend,
Keep thou the old flag flying to the end!

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